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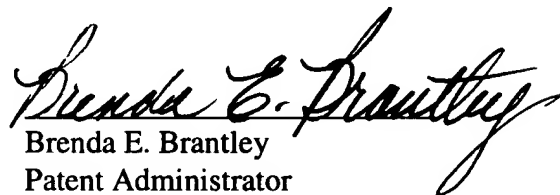
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- (1) Reply of Incomplete Reply (Non-Provisional). [2 pages]
- (2) Replacement Cover Title Page
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REPLY OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NON-PROVISIONAL)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Attn: Customer Service Center
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NON-PROVISIONAL), dated March 4, 2002, pertaining to the above-identified matter, wherein the signature of the inventor, Stephen R. Decker is missing from the oath or declaration and a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65.00 is due.

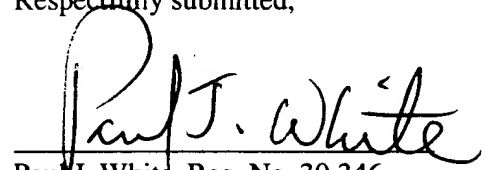
Applicant wishes to clarify the fact that the inventor, Stephen R. Decker, was mistakenly included on the title cover sheet of the application, but is not an inventor in this application. At the time of the filing of this application, there were several other applications being filed that day in which Mr. Decker was an inventor. However, in this particular application he was not. Applicant wishes to stress the fact that no where else is Mr. Decker listed as an inventor in this application.

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In view of the above, Applicant includes a corrected copy of the cover title page along with PART 2- NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NON-PROVISIONAL) with hope that this clarifies the error and the application is now in condition for advancement to the next stage.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Paul J. White, Reg. No. 30,346
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Dated: March 15, 2002.

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The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- o The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
Stephen R. Decker
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- o **The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.**

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